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SUBJECT: THIRD SESSION ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND DIALOGUE

1. SUMMARY: THIRD SESSION OF DIALOGUE HELD IN JAKARTA MAY 9-10 WAS LOW KEY AFFAIR IN WHICH PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL REVIEW OF ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIC PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THIRD SESSION ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND DIALOGUE WAS HELD IN JAKARTA MAY 9 AND 10. ASEAN DELEGATIONS HEADED BY RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS GENERAL EXCEPT FOR THAILAND WHICH WAS LED BY DEPUTY DG. SINGAPORE'S TAN BOON SENG WAS AASEAN SPOKESMAN. GNZ DEL LED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MERWYN NORRISH.

3. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO REVIEW FIVE ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL PROJECTS, WHICH ARE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY; COOPERATION OF TRADE EXPANSION; MENTAL HEALTH; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFORESTATION AND PINE FOREST DEVELOPMENT; AND SURVEY ON END USES OF TIMBER. ACCORDING TO GNZ EMBASSY SOURCES, THE REVIEW WENT VERY SMOOTHLY, ALTHOUGH NORRISH FOUND ASEAN "NOT WELL PREPARED, SHORT ON IDEAS, AND STILL TENDING TO THINK IN NATIONAL RATHER THAN REGIONAL TERMS." TRADE WAS THE ONLY AREA IN WHICH ASEAN PUSHED FOR GREATER GNZ EFFORTS. TAN SAID EXPANSION OF TRADE

WAS AN AREA TO WHICH THE ASSOCIATION ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND STRONGLY URGED THAT THE GNZ GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS (FOR GREATER ACCESS TO NZ MARKETS) EARLIER SUBMITTED. GNZ EMBOFFS COMPLAINED TO US THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE ALMOST NO EFFORT TO BREAK INTO THE NEW ZEALAND MARKET. GNZ HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT MUST PUT A GREAT DEAL MORE EFFORT INTO EXPLAINING THE INTRICACIES OF ITS IMPORT LICENSE SCHEME AND MUST ALSO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN TRADE DISPLAYS OR EVEN TRADE MISSIONS.

4. GNZ EMBOFFS SAID THE SESSION WAS LOW KEY BUT VERY FRIENDLY. THEY WERE TOLD BY ONE ASEAN OFFICIAL THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE RECENT ASEAN/JAPAN SESSION. ASEAN STATED ITS APPRECIATION OF THE "DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION" IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND CURRENTLY FOUND ITSELF BUT ASKED NEVERTHELESS THAT NEW ZEALAND DO WHAT IT COULD. NO NEW PROJECTS WERE PROPOSED BUT THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT EXISTING PROJECTS COULD BE EXPANDED OR REPLACED WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED. THE ASEAN SUGGESTION THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS WAS GIVEN PRELIMINARY GNZ APPROVAL. GNZ OFFICIALS STATE THAT ALTHOUGH ASEAN IS CLEARLY AWARE THAT NEW ZEALAND IS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO MUCH FOR IT, THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN STATES NEVERTHELESS VALUE AND WISH TO ENHANCE THEIR TIES WITH NEW ZEALAND.

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5. IN THE GNZ-GOI BILATERAL TALKS (SEPT-78) WHICH PRECEDED THE MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK STRESSED TO NORRISH THAT ASEAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST COME VERY SLOWLY. THE GOI ALSO SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT GIVEN MORE STATUS AND MORE WORK TO DO BUT RECOGNIZES THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

6. SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND DIALOGUE BEING POUCHED TO EA/EP.  
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